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STORY

BUBBLE TROUBLE IT'S A GAS-P!

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TAILS!

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SONIC THE COMIC



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COWTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers!

Have we got a sporting issue for you?

Despite the Euro '96 footie championships being well and truly over, that global games event, the Olympics, is in full swing right now. To celebrate, Sonic and co get on their marks for some athletic action in the Graphic Zone. If you're looking for more physical activity then run your fingers through to the Q Zone!

Story-wise, this issue features a special, multi-media, multi-talented personality - me! Yes, having received enough fan mail to wedge open the office door, I thought it was time you Boomers knew more about my daily doings at STC and how annoying my hume colleagues are! If you want to read further adventures about yours truly, write in or e-mail me. I'm waiting ...

That second star of the comic, Sonic (just joking!) gets in to an airtight spot of Bubble Trouble and there's no medals for guessing who's behind it all ... Tails encounters someone from his past - find out who, in Hidden Danger. Meanwhile, the guardian of the Floating Island grapples with the guardian of the Hobian Channel in the conclusion to Troubled Waters.

Finally, Sega delve into their classic game archives this summer and re-release Sonic 2, plus Sonic and Knuckles at giveaway prices - see the Review Zone and enjoy!

Megadroid

RIGHT ON Q!

Judging by the number of Boomers still being driven crackers by the Scrap Brain Zone, or getting lost in the Labyrinth Zone, help will be at hand in the form of the Q Zone; as it revisits old games from Sonic's past.

From STC 84 onwards, the Q Zone will be supplying hints, tips and cheats galore on getting through those niggly levels and zones. It's crucial information to keep and collect - all at your fingertips! What more could a Sonic Boomer ask for?



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- 9 RE COLUMNS
- 10 ↓ REN AND STIMPY

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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

Bubble Trouble

COMPLETE STORY

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DAYS LATER, SONIC AND TAILS RESPOND TO A DISTRESS CALL IN THE LABYRINTH ZONE...

THERE'S NO ONE AROUND SONIC! THIS COULD BE A TRAP!

GET WITH THE PROGRAM, PIGEON BRAIN! OF COURSE IT'S A TRAP!

THEN WHY HAVE WE COME HERE?

IT WAS A SLOW DAY! I FELT LIKE A BIT OF EXCITEMENT!

LOOKS LIKE YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED THEN!

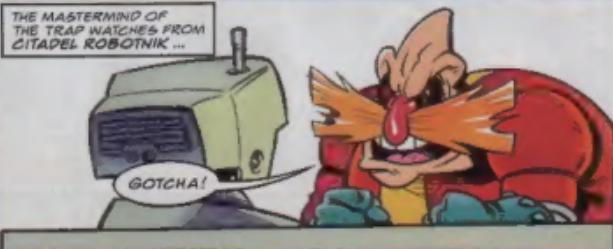
NEW BADNIKS! I WONDER WHAT THESE GOONS WILL DO? TICKLE US TO DEATH?

YOW! FIRE-BREATH!

I'D LAY OFF THE CHILLI IF I WERE YOU!

LOOK OUT, SONIC!

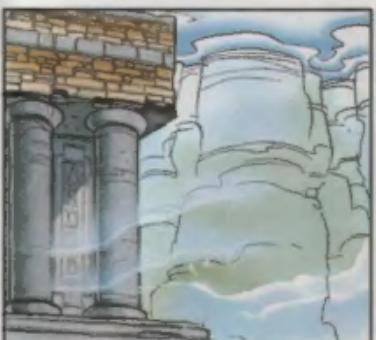


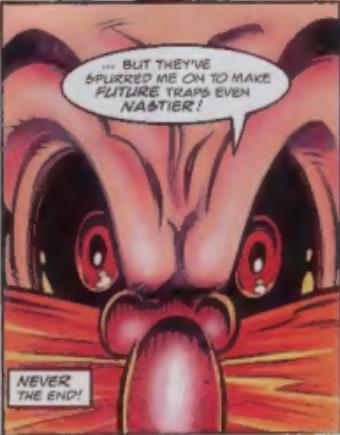


MEANWHILE, ON THE SURFACE...

NINK! I MAY BE OUTNUMBERED BUT I WON'T GIVE UP WHILE I CAN STILL USE MY FISTS!







REVIEW ZONE

YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM

UNDER 40 - YAWNNSVILLE

40-70 - NORMAHLVILLE

70-80 - FUN CITY

80-90 - BIG TIME CITY

OVER 90 - MEGA CITY

Sega know they can't keep good games down, which is why they've re-released a couple of cool, classic games. Whether you're just out of nappies, or reaching your teens and beyond, these Mega Drive games are still a joy to play!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2

Reviewed by David Gibbon



GAME TYPE: PLATFORM

PLAYERS: 1-2

PUBLISHER: SEGA

PRICE: £19.99

RE-RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW
AGE SUITABILITY: ALL

For all those new Sonic Boomers who weren't lucky enough to catch this smash hit game, the first time round, Sega have re-released Sonic 2.

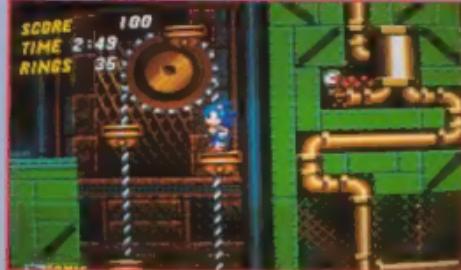
The game was originally launched in November 1992, on a day known as Sonic Twosday (well, it was released on Tuesday!). Amazingly, it sold a whopping 750,000 copies on its first day, more than any other video game - ever!

Sonic 2 saw the debut of Sonic's best friend Tails, and included many new zones, power ups, plus the new two-player mode, where both Sonic and Tails help each other out. There was even a split-screen, two-player game, which enabled the dynamic duo to



race each other in order to complete a level in the fastest time. There was also a brilliant bonus game too, where both Sonic and Tails raced along a 3D tunnel collecting rings.

If you don't own Sonic 2, then don't even think about it, just buy it! You'll experience Sonic and Tails at their very best!



FINAL COUNTDOWN

RAVES

One of
Sonic's all
time best!



GRAPHICS 90

SOUND 92

GRAVES

Not much
point buying -
if you've
already got
it, that is!



PLAYABILITY 93

OVERALL 91

SONIC & KNUCKLES



GAME TYPE: PLATFORM

PLAYERS: 1

PUBLISHER: SEGA

PRICE: £24.99

RE-RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW

AGE SUITABILITY: ALL



Having already achieved a succession of hits with Sonic 1, 2, and 3, Sega's super cool hedgehog was paired up with a certain red-dreaded Echidna and **Sonic & Knuckles** was created! Knuckles was given a share of the limelight as well as a chance to show-off his certainly impressed fans with his climbing skills.

Sonic & Knuckles was the first game of its type to have a top-slot, allowing previous titles in the series to be backwardly compatible. By placing Sonic 3 into **Sonic & Knuckles**, allow you to be Knuckles in the game, thus adding a new dimension to gameplay and giving value for money with Sonic 1, 2 and 3.



Played over a total of 54 levels with two new bonus rounds, there are harder to beat bosses together with plenty more objects to interact with and avoid. The 3D in-your-face Special Stage previously seen in **Sonic 3**, is still present, plus the energetic act of running at speed collecting rings and finding emeralds remains unchanged.

The much criticised RAM save facility introduced in **Sonic 3** is not included in **Sonic & Knuckles**, making it much harder to complete. Those who like a challenge will be more than satisfied.

RAVES Excellent value for money.	GRAPHICS Good
GRAVES You'll be left eating cold dinner this week!	CRUSH Good

KNUCKLES FACES
THE MENACE OF
CAPTAIN CLAW...

I PATROL
THE WATERS OF
THE MOBIAN
CHANNEL!

YOU
WERE A FOOL
TO TRY TO CROSS
KNUCKLES.. NOW YOU
MUST PAY THE
PRICE!

IF YOU
THINK I'LL LET
YOU TURN ME IN
FOR ROBOTNIK'S
REWARD...

OH.. I DON'T
EXPECT YOU TO
COME QUIETLY! IN
FACT I RATHER
HOPE YOU'LL
RESIST.

WELL,
IF IT'S A WORK-
OUT YOU'RE
AFTER...

I SO
RARILY GET
THE CHANCE TO PUT
MY OCTONAUGHT
THROUGH ITS
PACES!

OH
SPLENDID
ABSOLUTELY
SPLENDID!

KNUCKLES TROUBLED WATERS

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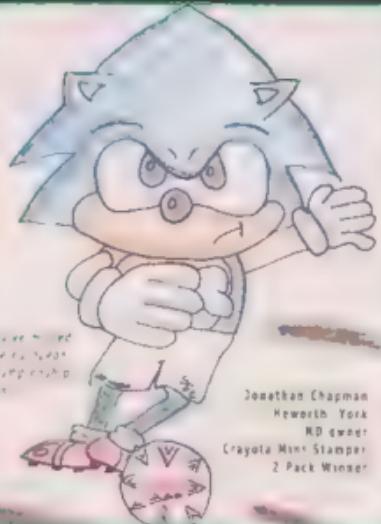
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ART CONTEST



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Brydod, S Wales
Crayola Mini
Stampers 2 Pack
Winner



Angela
Farbny
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Wales
Crayola
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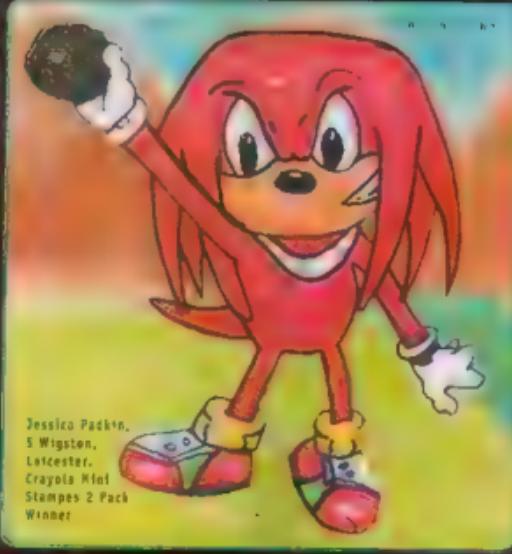
Jonathan Chapman
Newtown, York
PA owner
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2 Pack Winner



Glen Dickenson,
Crewe, Cheshire
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Winner



Benjamin Cook
Saltford Bristol
HD owner
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Stampers 2 Pack
Winner



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NEXT ISSUE SNEAKER SEEKER!



ZONE

Q IS FOR QUESTION

Q IS FOR ENERGY

Q IS FOR CHAMPION

IF YOU WANT TO ENTER THE Q-ZONE COMPETITION, TALK TO US AND TELL US YOUR FAVOURITE SEGA GAMES, DROP A LINE TO:-

Q-ZONE, COMIC THE COMIC, 25-31 TINHORN PLACE, LONDON, WC1N 3BU.



Complied by Chris Jones

Q-Zone competition: Q is for question. You can win a copy of the new Q-Zone book, a Q-Zone t-shirt and a Q-Zone CD. Q is for energy. You can win a copy of the new Q-Zone book, a Q-Zone t-shirt and a Q-Zone CD. Q is for champion. You can win a copy of the new Q-Zone book, a Q-Zone t-shirt and a Q-Zone CD. Top of the winners' rostrum, no sweat!

FIFA SOCCER '96



If England or Scotland win the European Championships this summer, they'll no doubt have borrowed some of the super skills used in **FIFA '96**! Just go to the Options, then to the control screen by pressing Pause. Press A for the cheat menu screen, and select any of these codes

Dream Team	A,A,B,B,A C,C,B,C C,A
Super Kick	B,A,B,B,C,B,A,C B,B,B,B,B
Super Keeper	A,A,A,A,B,B,B,B,B,A,C,C
Super Offence	A,A,A,C,C,B,C,A,A,B,C,C
Super Defence	B,B,B,C,B,C,A,C,B,B,B,C,B



To improve your teams' ability and strength, Select Options and then select Transfer News. Go to the best teams in the world, swap the players with your reserve. Now swap the team members you don't want with your new employed reserves.





JOHN MADDEN '96



MEGA
DRIVE

"41, 42, 44...HLT...HLT...HLT." Instead of a play like this on Madden, why not try a Turbo Ball? To play in this mode just press A,C,C,B,B, before the main menu appears

NBA JAM TOURNAMENT EDITION



MEGA
DRIVE

Get ready to basket some balls! Using famous people as players, instead of the likes of Michael Jordan and Shaq, makes this game extra fun ..



Bill Clinton

C-Press A & Start, I-Press any button, C-Press B & Start.

Hillary Clinton

H-Press any button, C-Press B & Start, Space-Press any button.

Prince Charles

R-Press B & Start, O-Press A & Start, Y-Press any button.

Kid Silk

K-Press any button, S-Press B & Start, K-Press C & Start.

Heavy D

H-Press A & Start, V-Press any button, Y-Press B & Start.



SEGA RALLY



MEGA
DRIVE

When there's mud, trees, and smart cars around, it's going to be a rally good time!

HINTS AND TIPS

To get the wicked Lancia Stratos car, press X,Y,Z,Y,X, at the main menu. Go to the bottom car and press down. Manual transmission is on one side, Automatic on the other

To select the Lakeside Track while keeping X+Y pressed down, enter the Time Attack or Practice modes.

Get a Hyper Car by selecting your car in Arcade mode, and pressing X+C at the same time. Press Start, and your car will become a speedy, smooth handling, dream machine

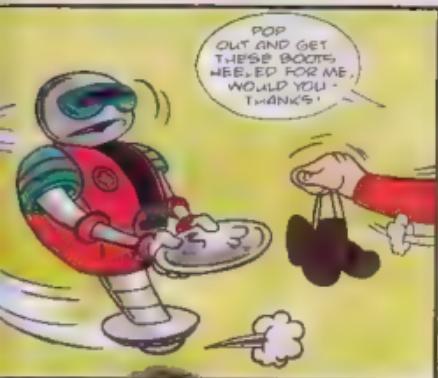
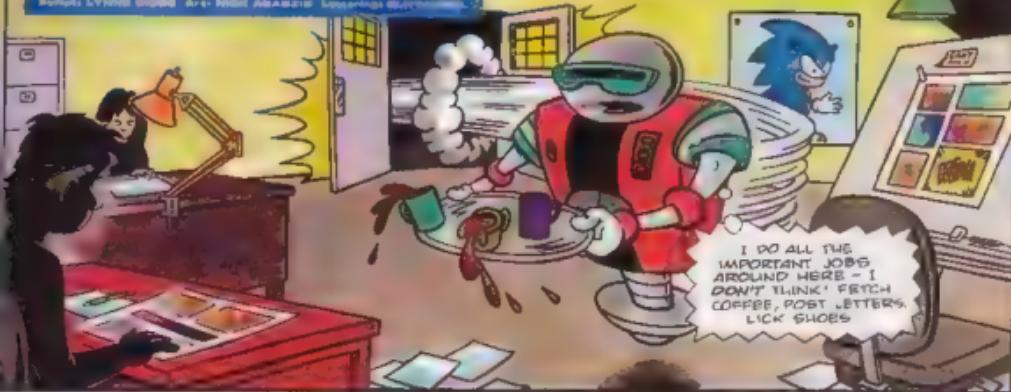
At the Sega Rally title screen, hold down Y and press start. Keeping Y held down, make all your selections as normal, using the C key. Release Y as you zoom into the start of your race and your track will be reversed Back-tastic

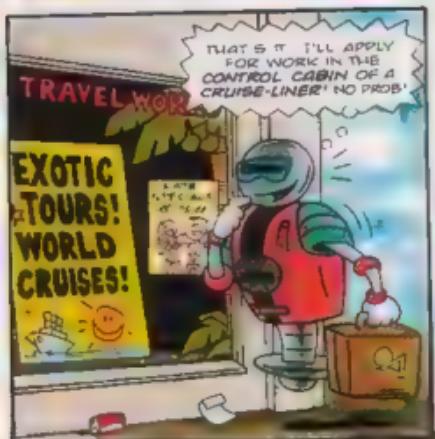
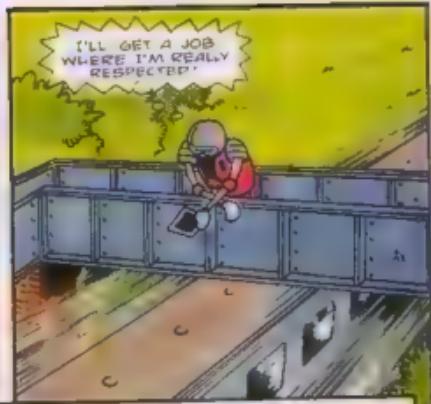


NEXT ISSUE: SONIC REVISITED - PART 1!

MEGADROID ON THE MOVE

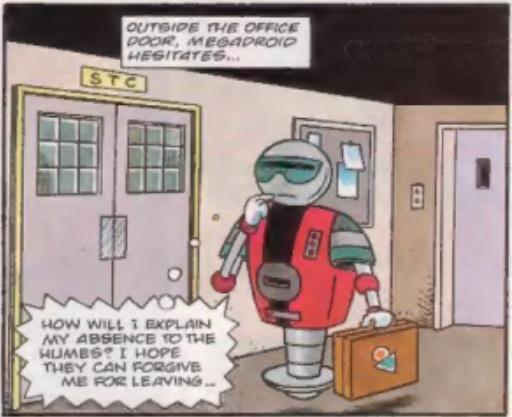
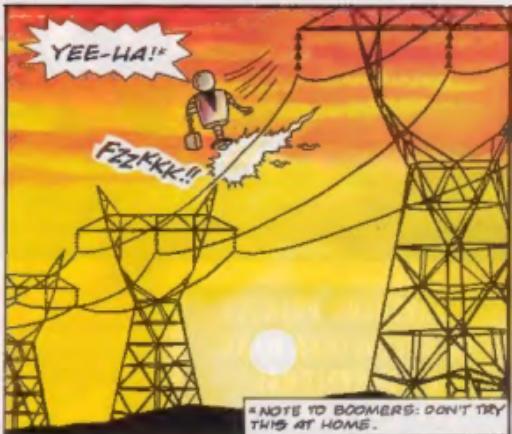
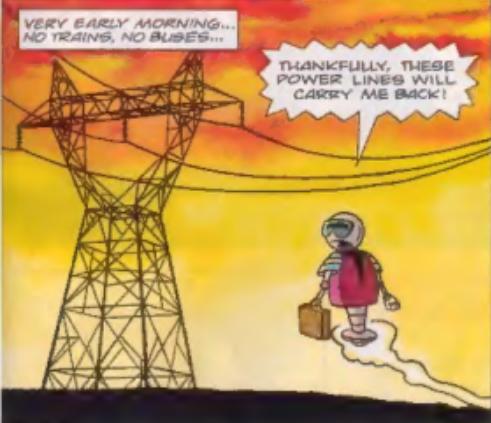
THE NERVE CENTRE
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SPEEDLINES



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EVERYTHING PRINTED
IN SPEEDLINES WINS
A SENSATIONAL
SEGA MEGA HOG TAG!



CHANNEL TUNING

Dear Megadroid,

What ever happened to the News Zone? This insight into the world of Sega, fast became my favourite section of the comic. It was useful being the Sega 'know-it-all' at college, but now I'm as dumb as the rest!

Owen Davies GG/MD owner.

Please send in your full snail mail address.

Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

So much for the old home saying, "No news is good news"!

However, do not fret Owen, because next issue, STC has a special news feature on the forthcoming Sega Channel!

Send your e-mail
messages to:
stc@egmont.co.uk

Be sure to include your snail mail (postal) address if you want to win a prize!

GETTING PERSONAL!

Dear Megadroid,

I must know the following:-

- 1) When is it your birthday?
- 2) How do you get around, when you have no legs?
- 3) Do you go to the bathroom?

Mark Farrelly,
Dublin, Ireland.
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

- 1) I'm as old as STC itself ...
- 2) Hover look in my own story, this issue ...
- 3) Mind you own business!

I see great things in store next issue ...



Daniel Fulton, Portsmouth.
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

Kruckles has a fistful of dollars ...



Craig Harlow, Northants.
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

D.I.Y. SONIC

Dear STC,

I have a great idea, how about a step-by-step guide of instructions on how to draw Sonic?

Ryan Worgan, Letchworth, Herts.
MS owner.

Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

You can pamper to your artistic needs, by uncovering diagrams and instructions of how to draw Sega's super speedster, in the 1996 Sonic Holiday Special.



NEXT ISSUE NEW IMAGE



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IN SONIC'S WORLD

NEW
SONIC
STORY

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STORY

VILLAGE OF
THE DAMNED

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BAND/SINGER IS

MY SEGA SYSTEM ...

TICK:-

GG

MCD

MD

MM

MS

32X

SATURN

SEGA GAME INTO STRIP!

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE

... AS A COMIC STRIP IN STC.

THIS ISSUE'S MEGA HITS!

1ST CHOICE

2ND CHOICE

3RD CHOICE

YOUR RATING FOR ISSUE 83

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